

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON THURSDAY,
JANUARY 19, 1984 AT 1:45 P.M., H-769, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Chairman, Mr. W. E. McLaughlin, O.C., Chancellor, Dr. R. W. Breen, Mr. R. Burns, Mr. J. Dinsmore, Mr. T. Fenwick, Mr. G. T. Fisher, Mr. R. L. Grassby, Ms. F. Griffiths, Dr. S. Hoecker-Drysdale, Dr. M. Hogben, Dr. M. Laroche, Ms. M. Lashley, Mr. F. Longpré, Prof. G. Martin, Ms. S. Murray, Dr. J. W. O'Brien, Dr. T. S. Sankar, Prof. K. Waters, Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Secretary.

Guest: Dr. P. Kenniff.

Absent with apologies: Mr. M. J. Bourgault, C.M., Dr. J. S. Daniel, Me. A. Gervais, Mr. S. Huza, Prof. C. Jackson, Mrs. B. J. Lande, C.M., Mr. Paul E. Martin, Mr. J. J. Pepper.

1. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Longpré, Lashley) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the open session of December 15, 1983 be approved.

It was noted that the word "sapea" should be changed to "sepia".

2. Vice-Rectors' Reports

1. Dr. Daniel Dr. Hogben requested permission to pose a question to be referred to Dr. Daniel (absent). On behalf of some professors, he asked for an explanation of the fact that, as of 6th February, 1984, CASA grants will no longer be available for travel. Prof. Waters also referred to Dr. Daniel a request for the results of the questionnaire sent to faculty.
2. Dr. Breen did not have a specific report, but answered questions from the floor:
 - (a) that he give his comments on allegations in the student press of discrimination against women in the Athletics Department; and
 - (b) for the exact mandate of the Athletic section of CCSL.

Dr. Breen replied that various definitions might be given to the word discrimination. It was true that the money spent on Women's Sports did not correspond mathematically to the proportion of women in the University. However, during the last 10 years there has been a tremendous increase in the funds available for Women's Athletics.

There was no specific mandate for any section of CCSL, but the finances of the Council were allocated by a committee on which students had parity. The matter of Women's Sports is to be treated at the next meeting of CCSL and the Vice-Rector invited Dr. Hogben and Dr. Hoecker-Drysdale to attend.

In reply to a question of Mr. Longpré concerning the proportion of funds for intramural and varsity sports, Dr. Breen replied that the CCSL had allotted a large increase to intramural sports during the past five years.

3. Prof. Martin reported that he had both good and bad news concerning the recent registration, course change and late registration process. There were indeed serious problems particularly with registration during the first few days of the present term. We are introducing an increased use of on-line computer terminals and, despite previous trials, programme bugs resulting from scale-up plagued the registration period. Furthermore, the University has serious problems, and ones less amenable to solution, in a lack of rooms and programme slots to meet the demand in many courses. This is a real restraint and one which does not seem to have an easy solution.

The good news is that we now have an integrated on-line system with 30 active computer terminals which we will be able to use for registration, course change and late registration. In the Vice-Rector's opinion, the system is well down the road to success. Furthermore, this coming Spring the Engineering and Commerce faculties will be able to use the on-line system for pre-registration.

Mr. Fenwick questioned the Vice-Rector on the attitude of some personnel during the registration period and Ms. Lashley suggested a lack of politeness in some instances. The Vice-Rector replied that, in general, there is an 8-hour training programme for all personnel working at registration and course change. It is possible that in a few instances, and because of extraordinary circumstances, it was necessary to endeavour to break bottlenecks by asking the help of some staff persons who had not received the training.

Ms. Murray suggested that some departmental secretaries were adding vacation days to the Christmas holidays and consequently the departments were not accessible to students requiring help. Prof. Martin replied that he was looking into the matter.

Prof. Martin reported that "information days" for CEGEP students initiated last year on the occasion of the strike in CEGEP had proved so successful that they are being offered again this year.

The building on Bishop Street which was destroyed by fire more than a year ago is being rebuilt after much difficulty in obtaining the necessary permissions from City Hall.

3. Correspondence

The Secretary announced that Mr. Hubbard had resigned from the Advisory Board and had sent a letter to the Rector expressing his appreciation for his years of association with the Board and wished the University success in the years to come.

4. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16, 1984 at 12:00 noon, H-762, SGW Campus.

5. Termination

The meeting terminated at 2:25 p.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.,
Secretary